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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEATH OF JOHN SALMAN THROM

CASUALTY MESSAGE

FOR: CHARLES M. THROM
5265 SHADESIDE DRIVE
CLARENCE
NEW YORK 14031

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR RELATIVE, MR. JOHN SALMAN THROM. THE QUEENSLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA ON MAY 4, 1978 OF HIS DEATH IN A ROOMING HOUSE FIRE ON MAY 4, 1978 IN FORTITUDE VALLEY, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA.
2. QUEENSLAND POLICE INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT ANOTHER RESIDENT OF THE ROOMING HOUSE IDENTIFIED THE DECEASED AS JOHN SALMAN THROM.
3. QUEENSLAND POLICE ACCOMPANIED WITNESS TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION.
4. THE CONSULATE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ANY PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
5. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY CABLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE THE DECEASED'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WILL COST APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 3,200, CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO U.S. COSTS DOLLARS 900. LOCAL BURIAL COSTS DOLLARS 966, THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS DOLLARS 840. ALL THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

SHOULD THE ACTUAL COST BE LESS THAN THAT QUOTED, WE WILL OF COURSE
REFUND THE DIFFERENCE.

6. IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING
TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS, AND FURNISH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF
THE FUNERAL HOME IN THE U.S. TO WHICH YOU WISH THE REMAINS SHIPPED.
THE FUNDS SHOULD BE TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY THROUGH THE BANK OF NEW
SOUTH WALES AT BRISBANE, PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE. THE
FUNERAL HOME CAN HANDLE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

7. UPON RECEIVING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND THE REQUIRED FUNDS WE
WILL HANDLE ALL DETAILS FOR YOU AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.
WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING
RECEIPT OF THE FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF
THE REMAINS. AFTER ALL FORMALITIES ARE COMPLETED WE WILL FORWARD
YOU AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF JOHN SALMAN THROM'S DEATH.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION SHOULD YOU
WISH TO COMMUNICATE WITH US BY TELEPHONE, THE NUMBER IN BRISBANE
IS 229-4677.

9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMCONSUL, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA.
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